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1. [redacted] operations were temporarily suspended at the East China Shipbuilding Yard, in the Chiangyin (120-16, 31-55) area. Approximately 200 tons of gasoline are stored in the yards.
2. [redacted] the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company has been known as the Chinese People's Steamship Company, with the main office at Peiping.
3. [redacted] the following naval activity was observed:
 - a. Ssuehiao Island (122- , 30-) was being used as a base by the East China Naval Command.
 - b. Two 500-ton naval vessels, each with a speed of 12 knots, were anchored off Machishan (122-26, 30-42).
 - c. The mouth of the Yangtze was being patrolled by 10 Chinese Communist gunboats.
4. [redacted] the Soviet ship AIDA was in Chefoo Harbor.
5. [redacted] the SS EDITH MOLLER was in Peihai Harbor (112- , 21-), Kwangtung.
6. [redacted] all fuel oils in Tsingtao were removed to the mountains, approximately 30 miles from the city, and ships can no longer refuel there.

Comment. According to information available to this office the EDITH MOLLER is a 500-ton vessel.

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